

for controlling the gain of the amplifier, the gain control being operable to increase the gain of the amplifier when the device is to operate in a loudspeaker mode relative to the gain of the amplifier when the device is in an earpiece mode.

4. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, [2 or 3 including] further comprising:

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a first housing and a second housing coupled together in a moveable manner[, the device further comprising]; and

a detector for detecting the position of one housing relative to the other and for operating the gain control switch accordingly.

5. (Amended) A device according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the difference in gain between the two modes is around 30 dB.

6. (Amended) A device according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the device is a portable communications device.

Please add new claims 8-17 as follows:

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Cont. 8. A device according to claim 2, further comprising an amplifier for amplifying the electrical signal prior to inputting to the transducer and a gain control for controlling the gain of the amplifier, the gain control being operable to increase the gain of the amplifier when the device is to

